Foreign Donations to Voluntary Organisations

1733. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of voluntary organisations registered in the country that are in receipt of foreign donations;

(b) the criteria Government has established for allowing such organisations to receive foreign money; and

(c) whether a procedure exists for regular auditing of the accounts of these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) During 1993-94, the number of reporting associations for foreign contribution under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 was 10,963. Copies of the Annual Report 1993-94 for receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations, which inter-alia contains the names of the reporting associations, are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) The associations having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme are required to obtain registration or prior permission under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 before receipt of foreign contribution. Every association so registered/permitted shall give within sixty days of the year in the prescribed form, an intimation to the Central Govt, as to the amount of each foreign contribution received by it, the sources from which and the manner in which such foreign contribution was received and the purposes for which and the manner in which such foreign contribution was utilised by it. Provided that where such association obtains any foreign contribution through any other branch of the bank through which it has agreed to receive foreign contribution or fails to give such intimation within the prescribed time or the prescribed manner or gives any intimation which is false, the Central Govt. may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that such association shall not, after the date of issue of such notification, accept any foreign contribution without the Prior Permission of the Central Government.

(c) The Act does not provide for any regular audit of the accounts of registered associations. They are required to submit their accounts duly audited by Chartered Accountants where any associations fails to furnish any returns under this Act within the time specified therefor or the returns so furnished are not in accordance with law or if after inspection of such returns, the Central Government has any resonable cause to believe that any provision of this act has been or is being contravened, that Government may by general or special order authorise such Gazetted Officer, holding a Group 'A' post, as it may think fit, to audit any books of account kept or maintained by such associations.

डाकघरों के बिना ग्राम

1734. श्री नागमणि: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने ऐसे ग्रामों का कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है जहां कोई डाकघर नहीं है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) जी नहीं। कोई ग्रामवार अद्यतन सर्वेक्षण नहीं किया गया है किन्तु जब भी ऐसे किसी स्थान पर नया डाकघर खोलने का कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त होता है जहां कोई डाकघर नहीं है, तब डाक परिचालन, आय और व्यय तथा दूरी का यह पता लगाने के लिए सर्वेक्षण किया जाता है कि क्या डाकघर खोलने के लिए निर्धारित मानदंड पूरे होते है या नहीं।

(ख) चूंकि, डाकघर खोलने संबंधी प्रस्तावों की संख्या सदा उपलब्ध संसाधनों और योजना लक्ष्यों से अधिक होती है, इसलिए अभी ग्रामवार सर्वेक्षण करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है।